



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

July 29, 2004

H.R. 3257 **Western Reserve Heritage Areas Study Act**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on July 14, 2004

H.R. 3257 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of certain counties in Ohio to determine their national significance as well as the feasibility and suitability of designating them collectively as the Western Reserve Heritage Area. The study would include an analysis of the natural, historic, and cultural resources of the study area and would determine whether they provide significant conservation and recreational opportunities.

Based on information from the Department of the Interior, CBO estimates that completing the proposed study would cost \$300,000 over the next few years, assuming the availability of appropriated funds. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 3257 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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